

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 1, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Our offices were recently notified that you will already be traveling to Northern California next week. As such, we'd like to extend this invite for you to meet and join us on our previously-planned tour nearby at Reid-Hillview Airport at 11:00am PT on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

In previous communications, including a letter in February 2022 that we sent along with our Santa Clara County colleagues Anna Eshoo and Jimmy Panetta and a July hearing held by the House Oversight Subcommittee on Environment, you are aware we have serious concerns about the harms of leaded avgas in low-income communities of color surrounding this airport.

We know how helpful it can be to listen to people directly impacted by policy decisions in Washington. This tour would provide an important opportunity to hear first-hand from those who have been impacted by lead exposure because of the use of hazardous fuel and learn more about what Santa Clara County is doing to protect residents. However, assistance from DOT is crucial to realize this goal. We have spoken with other DOT officials about our concerns, and remain hopeful that our requests to speak with you directly about this issue can bring about the assistance from DOT that Santa Clara County residents deserve.

We hope you're able to join, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress